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## HINTS AND NOTIONS.

**Modifying the Proportions of a room.**  
To make a room appear *higher*, the plane  
surface of the ceiling should be decreased by  
the moldings of the cornice, by panels, or, in  
the absence of these, by bands of color per-  
forming the same office. A vertical system of  
line should be adopted in mural decoration,  
and the mantel should be lower.

To make a room appear *lower*, exactly the  
opposite treatment should be adopted; that is,  
to increase the plane ceiling, adopt a horizon-  
tal system of mural decoration, with a dado  
and a high mantel.

To make a room appear *wider* is accom-  
plished, to a certain extent, by making it  
appear lower; but where this is undesirable,  
or where it is insufficient, the effect can be  
reached by adopting a mural decoration on a  
graduated scale of form, decreasing upward,  
so that *two* or more patterns at the top similar  
to those at the foot are found to occupy the  
same space as *one* at the foot, and this effect  
can be much increased by a gradation of color  
upward from dark to light.

To make a room appear *narrower* is accom-  
plished, to a certain extent, by making it  
appear higher; but where this is undesirable  
or insufficient, the effect can be obtained by  
adopting a strongly drawn large pattern in  
strong color for mural decoration.

To make a room appear *longer* is to an  
extent accomplished by making it appear  
lower and narrower; but where these are  
undesirable or insufficient, the effect may be  
obtained by decreasing the scale and strength  
of color of the mural decoration adopted at  
the ends.

To make a room appear *shorter* is accom-  
plished, to an extent, by making it appear  
wider and higher; but the effect can be  
achieved by increasing the scale and strength  
of color of the mural decoration adopted at the  
ends.

Any of these effects can be modified or  
increased by the treatment of the floor surface,  
whether by carpets, rugs, painted boards, or by  
parquet flooring; lines running across a room,  
or rugs laid down at intervals, having the effect  
of shortening, and consequently to an extent  
of heightening and widening, a room. Lines  
running in the length increase this dimension,  
and to an extent reduce the height and width.  
A polished floor increases the apparent height  
of an apartment by reflecting all vertical lines  
and prolonging them.—*Harper's Magazine.*

Obscuring glass may be done in a variety  
of ways, transiently and permanently. To  
accomplish the result for permanence take a  
flat piece of marble, dip it into glass-cutters'  
sharp sand, moistened with water; rub over  
the glass, dipping frequently in sand and  
water. Very fine frosting can be produced  
by finishing off with emery and water. A  
temporary frosting may be made by mixing  
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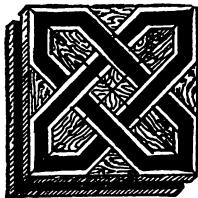
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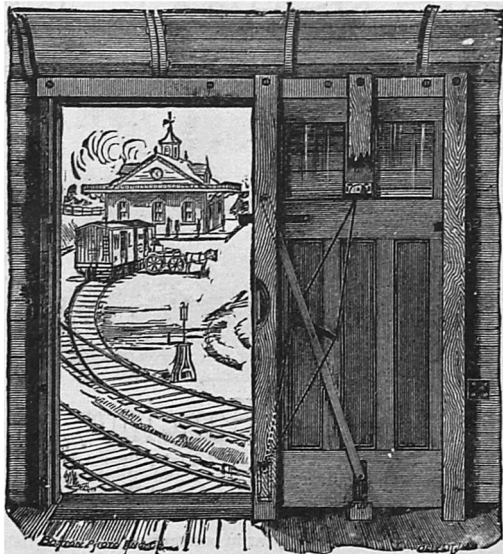
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This charming note upon dinner ethics is  
put forth by the London *Queen*: "In arrang-  
ing the party the best plan is to write out in a  
column the ladies' names in strict order of  
precedence, remembering, which some ladies  
are apt to forget, that neither marriage nor age  
of themselves confer precedence, and that a  
girl of eighteen possessed of the slightest  
rank, even if she is only the daughter of a  
peer's younger son, of a baronet or a knight,  
has a right to go down before a married lady of  
eighty who has no such precedence. Some  
hostesses really do not know this; others say,  
'Oh! it is absurd,' and ignore it, but there is a  
right and a wrong way of doing everything,  
and it is wiser and in better taste to adhere to  
the strict letter of the law." Mrs. Tennyson  
has had a narrow escape.

The "Continent" contains the following  
suggestion for cleaning oil paintings that are  
fly-specked or otherwise soiled: "Remove the  
frame, and dust the surface with brush or  
feather, after which pass a sponge moistened  
in spring water over it. Cover the picture  
next with a shaving-soap lather, which does  
not easily dry, and in ten minutes wash off  
again with a brush and as little water as  
necessary. When dry, rub with a clean rag  
moistened in nitro-benzine or artificial oil of  
bitter almonds, substituting a fresh rag occa-  
sionally, and not desisting from the process as  
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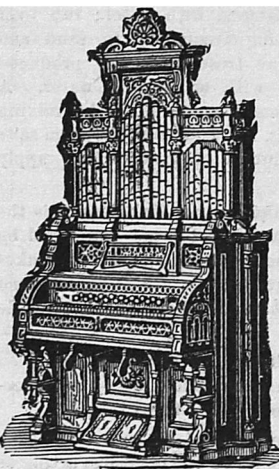
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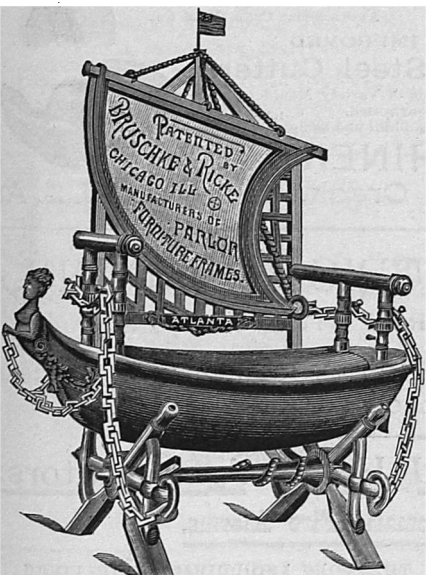


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Movable Japanese screens have a wooden stand, carved, with two large fancy colored paper fans fixed on at the top, folding up and pointing downwards at the sides. These move up by means of a spring, meet in the middle and form a large circle.

A gilded wall basket has a stuffed kitten with a ribbon about his neck, peeping out of it. A Japanese fan is placed between the basket and the wall. A picture-frame of plush has a kitten climbing over the back.

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Plush photograph frames have a little curtain of silk attached top and bottom to a small bar.

The fronts of piano backs can be improved by painting upon them suitable designs, mythological or picturesque.

Milking stools, the small affairs, with three legs, are varnished with carriage enamel, and used in the parlor.

Lace covers to parasols can be placed over fancy colored lamp shades. Artificial grasses are also utilized on shades.

A shield of plush supported by three or four spears, makes a novel table.

For candle shades large butterflies are attached to a wire which grasps the candle.

Pier glasses have full-sized branches painted upon them.

Cut glass articles in colored glass are very generally seen.

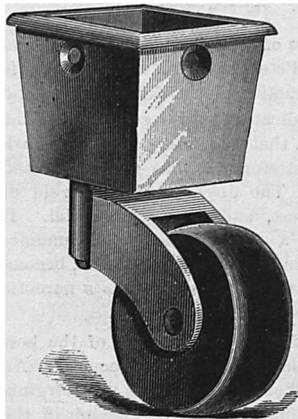
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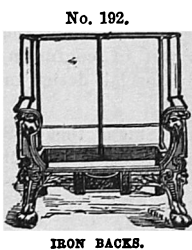
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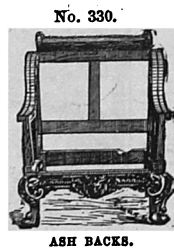
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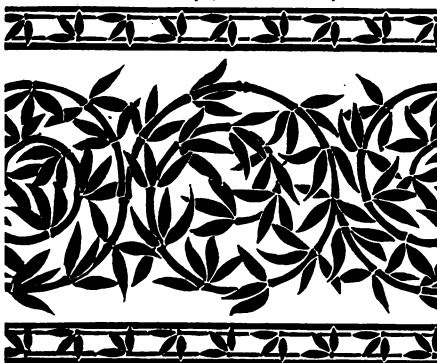
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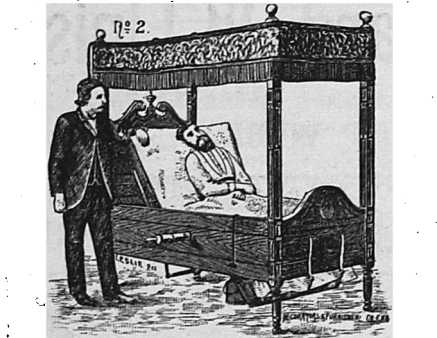


Fig. 2.—Illustrates the method of cleansing without disturbing the invalid.

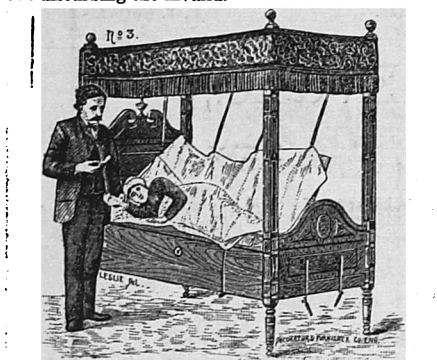


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**HINTS AND NOTIONS.**

"The Joys of Life," by Emile Zola, and published by Peterson & Co., Philadelphia, is the latest production of this fertile writer, and if it is any indication of the condition of the author's mind, that heretofore brilliant spark must have deteriorated into a flippant and useless mass. The Joys of Life, is void of plot, of interest, and even of scandal. It commences in a most uninteresting manner and sustains the beginning throughout, becoming slightly worse at the close. As a narcotic the book should be a success.

The Century, for April, is one of the best numbers that have been issued recently. An account of Wilkes Booth crossing into Virginia is very interesting, as are a short sketch of the White House and the New York City Hall. Notes on the Exile of Dante, is excellent also.

The author of the "Bread Winners" preserves his anonymity under the argument that his business would be interfered with if it were understood that he knew enough to write a book. He must be a professional jurymen.

Flowers are now merely laid upon the dining table in a careless sort of confusion, and without observing any special design or idea.

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Pink straw baskets filled with pink carnations are pretty.

Chinese effects in embroidery, are now prevailing.

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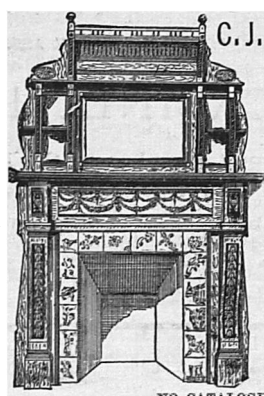
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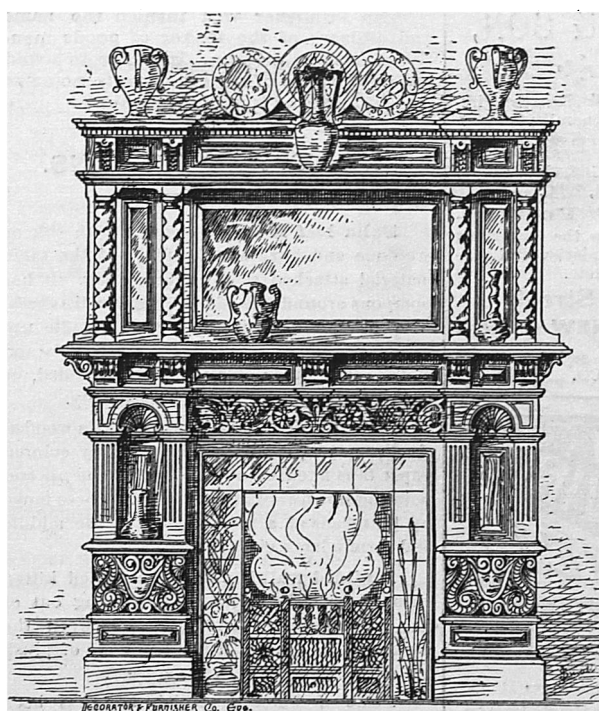
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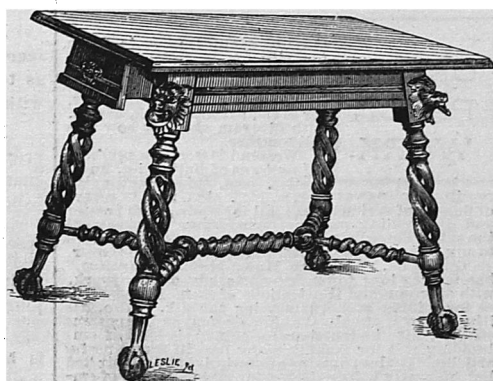
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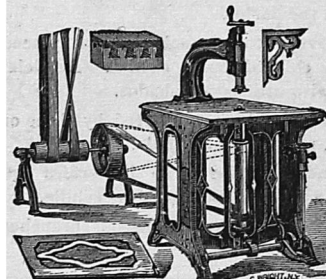
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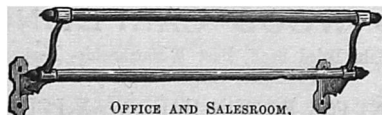
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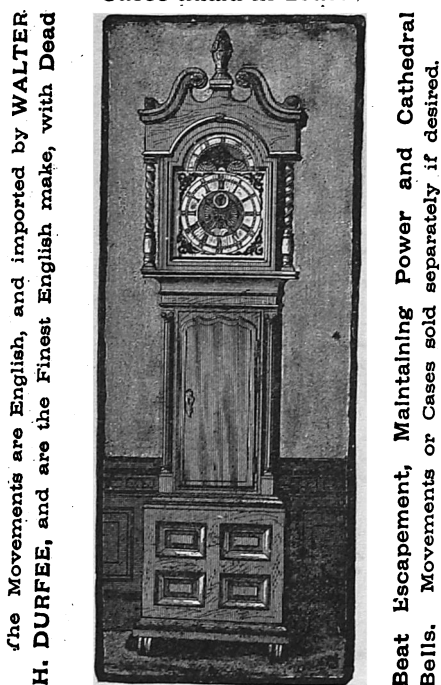


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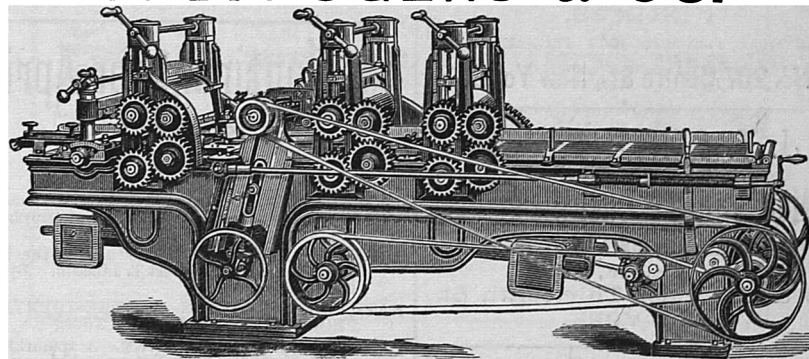
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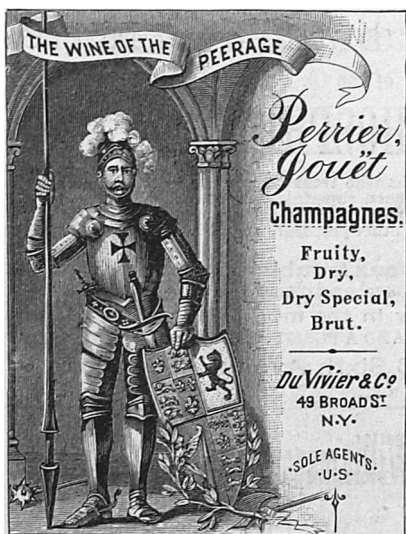


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## HINTS AND NOTIONS.

A want of correct knowledge of the natural figure and properties of the structure of wood, says the *Lumber World*, such as the oak, is constantly shown by the imperfect painting to resemble that wood, as exhibited on doors and shutters of houses. If we cannot afford to have genuine wainscot doors, but desire an imitation, it would be worth the trouble to have a block cut from the quarter of an oak tree and have each of its six sides planed and polished, in order to exhibit their several features. The house painter would then see what nature really is, and thus save us from ridicule when we mix up "silver grains" and all the other natural features upon one side of a board or panel.

On March 18, 19 and 20, a Union Square firm of importers made a handsome public display of upholstery goods, curtains, portieres, and novelties in those lines. The store was specially draped and arranged for the event, and thousands of people visited it. Some of the richest and most important articles were hand-wrought curtains, and combination panels of applique work and hand painting, purchased at the late Amsterdam Exhibition. This method of reaching the public is novel and, no doubt, remunerative to both storekeeper and buyer. We are disposed to commend it.

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The Art Interchange gives some of its most valuable information and most delightful reading in the form of answers to correspondents. Its colored studies are excellent and its contents generally are interesting.

A clock that is wound up by a fan attachment soon as it runs down, has been running for nine months in Brussels, and shows now no signs of giving up.

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## The Continent for April.

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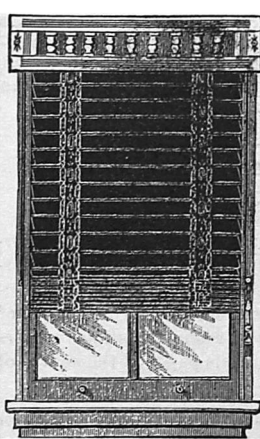
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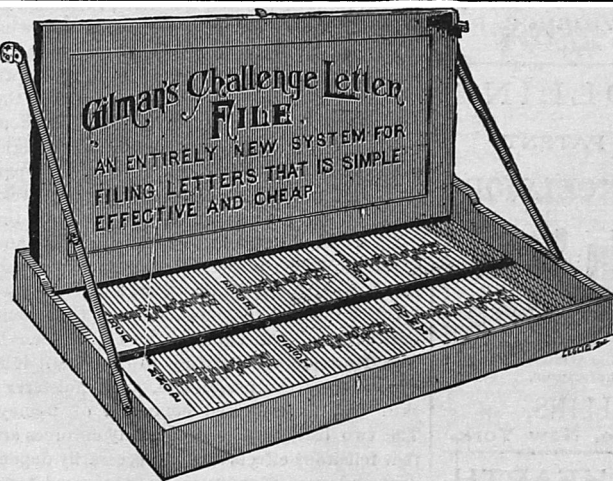
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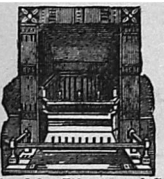


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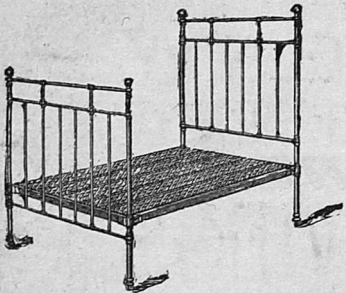
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A new society has been organized in Paris known, in unpoetic English, as "The Society of Friends of Parisian Art." The object is to preserve all the old buildings, monuments, decoration, everything in fact that has any interest attached to it by its association with Parisian history. This country may hope for something of the same sort, when it becomes aged.

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The Manhattan, for April, is one of the best numbers issued. An article on Edwin Booth is well illustrated, and a short sketch by Julian Hawthorne, is well worth reading.

The writing table belonging at one time to Thomas Moore, the poet, is now in the possession of Mr. George W. Childs, of Philadelphia.

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The Queen Anne style still prevails, it seems. Mr. Edwin Booth is building a boat house in that fashion.

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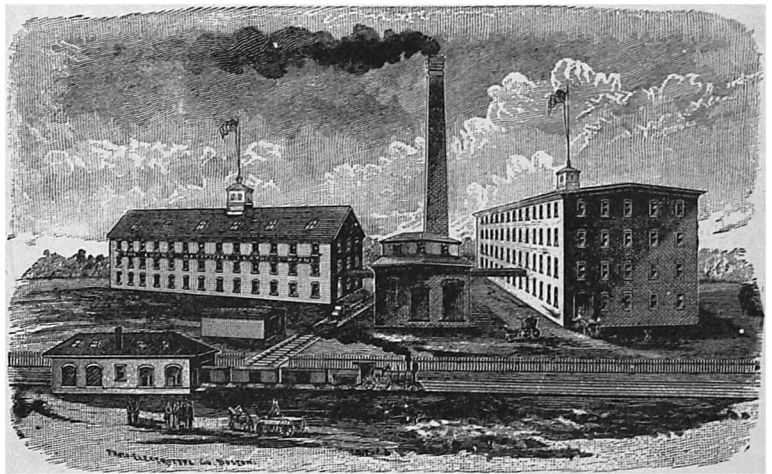
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